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**UPCOMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:**



**October 21<sup>st</sup>  
RVMC Monthly Meeting**

Corned Beef & Company, Downtown Roanoke

Those interested please let Butch Cook know in advance so we can give the restaurant advance notice for our reservation. Contact him by email at Myred64stang@aol.com or (540) 387-1979. Meet prior to 1:00 p.m. at the Food Lion Rt. 460. Both RVMC and Hill City club member will then cruise together to the Peaks.

**October 24-26, Chandler (Phoenix), AZ**

Phoenix MCA National show hosted at the Wild Horse Casino by the Copperstate Mustang Club (www.copperstatemustangclub.com). LaQuinta Inn in Chandler is the host hotel (408) 961-7700.

**November 22, Rockingham, NC**

SCMC on Track, hosted by SVT Cobra Mustang Club at Rockingham Dragway. Event hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with check-in running 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$50.00. Join the SCMC for our Fall test and tune at Rockingham Dragway. The event is open to all makes and models so bring your friends with you for some side-by-side drag racing. Trophies and cash to be awarded at the event. For more information, call Tony Sorrentino at (803 ) 371-0725 or email tony@svtcobraclub.com or Burke Dawson or email bdbadcobra@hotmail.com or visit the website at http://www.svtcobraclub.com.

**October 24-16, Newport News, VA**

VA Fall Classic hosted by VPCCC at Newport News Park. Event hours are various with check-in running various times per events. Registration fee is \$10- 35. See www.VaFallClassic.org. For more information, call Hal Hartel at (757) 867-6336 or email HarDHAr@cox.net or visit the website at http://www.VaFallClassic.org.

**December 5, Salem, VA**

Salem Christmas Parade, 6:30 p.m. Main Street, Salem. For more information call the Salem/Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce at (540) 387-0267.

**October 25, Wilmington, NC**

Tenth Annual Mustang and All-Ford show, hosted by Southeastern North Carolina Mustang Club at Independence Mall, 3500 Oleander Drive. Event hours are 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM with check-in running 9:00 AM - 12:00. Registration fee is \$20.00. Dash plaques to the first 100 registrants, 50/50 drawing, door prizes. Portion of proceeds will benefit Step Up 4 Soldiers. For more information, call Bob Ellis at (910) 431-1164 or email bellis1@ec.rr.com or call Terry Thompson at (910) 265-2852 or email sencmc@ec.rr.com or visit the website at http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/sencmc/.

**April 5, 2009; RVMC Spring Cruise**

Place: Edelweiss German Restaurant  
Location: Just before Staunton on Route 11 near I-81 exit 213. Meet up place before cruise: Hardees at Troutville on Route 11. Leave at 2:00 pm for dinner reservations at 4:00 pm. Dinner prices: \$14-20. Distance from meeting place app. 70 miles. Restaurant web address: www.edelweissrestaurantva.com



**November 1, North Charleston, SC**

Fourteenth Annual Mustang and Ford Show, hosted by Low Country Mustang Club at North Charleston - American Lafrance Fire Museum & Education Center. Event hours are 12:00 - 4:00 PM with check-in running 9:00 AM - Noon. Registration fee is \$20 (pre-registration \$15 before October 25, 2008). Over 22 Ford and Mustang Classes with 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies in each class. DJ, 50/50, Silent Auction and more. Dash plaques to the first 100 registered. All proceeds to benefit Camp Puff N Stuff, Children learning about their Asthma and their medication. For more information, call Ken Brinkman at (843) 871-6327 or email blue03mach@juno.com or Cathy Barrus at barrusc@musc.edu or visit the website at http://www.lowcountrymustangs.com.

**RVMC MEETING UPDATES**

Our next monthly meeting is set for Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Please arrive earlier if you wish to order food.



**October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**RVMC CHRISTMAS PARTY 2008**

We will do our annual gift exchange and dinner sometime in December. Details will be announced on our website, email and in the November newsletter... so stay tuned!

**WANNA SAVE \$5 BUCKS?.....**



**November 2, Fall Cruise to Peaks of Otter via Blue Ridge Pkwy; RVMC and Hill City Mustang Club (Lynchburg Chapter)**

## ..HERE'S HOW TO....

Then write a \$15 check *NOW* made payable to RVMC for your 2009 club dues and get it to us by **December 31, 2008**. Your mailing must be postmarked by 12/31/08 to qualify for the discount. The dues revert back to the full amount of \$20 on January 1, 2009... *so act now and SAVE \$5.00!* Make your check for \$15 payable to RVMC and mail to:

Suzanne Beels  
500 Daytona Drive  
Hardy, VA 24101

### RVMC WINTER APPAREL ORDERS

Orders will be taken at the next meeting for embroidered apparel. You can also email your order to Suzanne at fun1pony@hotmail.com. If you are interested in something that is not listed below, please let us know. We will find out what the price will be. You can get items embroidered that you already own at this time. We will need payment prior to placing the order. Please make checks to RVMC. Items available and pricing:

- Fleece half zip \$35
- Hoodies \$25
- Long Sleeve denim shirt \$27
- Embroidery on both sides of a fleece half zip \$65 (small logo on front, larger on back)

### RVMC CAR SHOW 2009 - ADVANCED PLANNING NOW!

Our 21<sup>st</sup> car show is scheduled for May 2, 2009 at Tanglewood Mall. Your RVMC core team leadership for the 2009 car show is investing time and resources to making this upcoming event *the best yet!* Exciting discussions and planning have begun.

The core leadership team and chapter needs your input, thoughts and directions on how to best accomplish this goal. Please come to the **RVMC MONTHLY MEETING TUESDAY EVENING Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** and participate in a short discussion about this becoming a reality. Fellow RVMC member **Linda Gardner** will facilitate this discussion.

To prepare for the discussion, consider the following questions:

1. What are the strengths of the club and its membership?
2. What holds us back?
3. What are our huddles?
4. What can the club potentially accomplish?
5. What are the items on your "wish" list for the 2009 car show?

### WIN A 2010 MUSTANG

Ford is offering a "Mustang Stories" Contest where you can tell your most memorable Mustang story in 250 words or less. The grand prize is the 2010 Mustang and an all-expense-paid trip to the Los Angeles Auto Show for the unveiling of the 2010 Mustang. Hurry because entries must be received by October 15! The public will vote on top stories from October 18-30 with the winner announced October 30. Log onto [www.the2010mustang.com](http://www.the2010mustang.com) for the contest and to receive email updates on the new model.

### SUPER SNAKE CHOSEN FOR COMMERCIAL

While at the Food Lion Fall Auto Fair at Lowe's Motor Speedway on September 6-7, Carolina Regional Mustang Club member Dennis Scudera's 2007 GT 500 Super Snake was chosen by Carroll Shelby to participate in a commercial for Z-Max automotive lubricant. Dennis has lived in the Carolinas for a few

years and is a former World Trade Center rescue worker who has developed health problems as a result of his work after 9/11. In addition to participating in the commercial, Mr. Shelby drove the car around the infield and signed the driver's side quarter window.

### GET STARTED ON YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Here's an idea for a unique gift for your Mustang enthusiast or even for you! Four Door Media is offering a Mustang wireless computer mouse and other computer accessories. The mouse is available in colors such as white, black, red, silver, and yellow with or without stripes at a cost of \$45. See [www.fourdoormedia.com](http://www.fourdoormedia.com).

### MUSTANG AND FORD NEWS BRIEFS

- This should not be a huge surprise to anyone, but September 2008 Mustang sales were very poor and were one of the worst months ever, even worse than the early 1970's. According to [www.mustangblog.com](http://www.mustangblog.com), "Sales of Mustangs for September of 2008 were 4,910 compared to 10,266 from September of 2007 showing a 52.2% decrease in sales from the previous year. Year to date Mustang sales are 78,871 compared to 109,803 for the first nine months of 2007, which is a 28.2% drop." The model year 2008 will likely be the worst sales year in the history of the Mustang.
- If you are looking for a new Mustang GT, Ford is offering purchase incentives on the GT, which it has not done in the past when only V6 models were typically included.
- JD Power says U.S. auto sales are down 13% through September 2008 compared to 2007. Ford expects difficulties to continue well into 2009.
- Ford CEO Allan Mulally says the company has no plans to file for bankruptcy, despite its lowest stock price in 25 years of \$1.99 on October 10, 2008.
- Ford CFO Don LeClair will retire November 1. It is anticipated an executive who helped lead Ford's European turnaround will replace him.
- The new 2009 F-150 truck has started production at the Kansas City, MO plant. This truck is more fuel efficient than past models at 15 mpg city and 21 mpg highway.
- Federal loans to Ford, GM, and Chrysler in the amount of \$25 billion should help refurbish old plants and develop new electric and hybrid technology. Consumers can expect to see the results of these loans in several years.
- A plug-in hybrid version of the Ford Escape is scheduled for 2013. Although this is good news, it is a bit disconcerting given that GM and Chrysler will have plug-in hybrids available as soon as 2010.
- There is talk that Ford may offer a Shelby GT350 as a companion to the GT500.
- Barrett-Jackson auto auction will return to Las Vegas on October 15-18 at the Mandalay Bay resort and casino. Television coverage can be seen on the SPEED Channel. A 2008 Shelby GT will be auctioned for charity.

### OCTOBERFEST 2008 FOR THE DOGS!

The club attended Dogtoberfest on October 11. We had 4 Mustangs on display. 11 members participated in the event. We handed out flyers for our May 2, 2009 car show, had a raffle and sold club apparel. It was a beautiful day. The club thanks the Smith family, John Beels, Bob Leary and Bob Teeter for having their vehicles on display. Niki at St. Francis was very grateful for our continued support of their charity. They are looking forward to our 2009 show. Watch our website and St Francis' website for

photos!



## **DIRTY DINING CONTINUES...OOPS.. DIRTY DANCING.... :)**

We had 16 people on our cruise to Mountain Lake. It was a beautiful day! Great food and great fellowship. Thanks to Linda and Harford Garner for planning this great outing. Check out the following photos!





# Dirty Dancing



**Roanoke Valley Mustang Club**  
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See you on the 21<sup>st</sup> at:

**Corned Beef  
& Co.**  
**BAR and GRILL**